



THE INDIAN AND THE SNAKE

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An Indian was walking up a mountain when he heard a voice. "Carry me with you," it requested.

The Indian turned and saw a snake. He refused.

"If I carry you up the mountain you will bite me."

"I wouldn't do that," the snake assured.

"All I need is some help. I am slow and you are fast, please be kind and carry me to the top of the mountain."

It was against his better judgment, but the Indian agreed. He picked up the snake, put him in his shirt, and resumed the journey. When they reached the top, he reached into his shirt to remove the snake and got bit.

He fell to the ground, and the snake slithered away.

"You lied!" the Indian cried, "You said you wouldn't bite me." The snake looked back, "I didn't lie.

You knew who I was when you picked me up.

We hear the legend and shake our heads. He should have known better, we bemoan, and we are right. He should have! And so should we! But don't we do the same?

Don't we believe the lies of the snake?

Don't we pick up what we should leave alone?

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GENESIS 3:1-19 ~ JOHN 10:10 ~ 1 PETER 5:8 ~ ACTS 26:13-18 ~ JAMES 4:7-8